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COUNTRY <u>East Germany</u>	REPORT	
TOPIC <u>Military Activities in the Wittenberg - Jessen Area</u>		
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REMARKS		
This is UNEVALUATED Information		

1. On 12 and 20 June 1955, the following observations were made at the Wittenberg railroad station: 25X1
- 12 June. At 1000, 1 shipment of 21 trucks including 6 tank trucks departed toward Jueterbog. 25X1
- 20 June. At 1100, a shipment with 1 T-34 and 1 JG-3 tank came from the direction of Dessau and proceeded toward Jueterbog.
2. Between 6 and 20 June, all units from the Wittenberg and Jessen post were absent for maneuvers in the area between Pratau and Elster as far as Jessen. The installations were occupied by only guard details. The units were located on the left bank of the Elbe River, on the Wartenburger side, in woods and field fortifications along the river. Stream-crossing of tanks with a TFP-ferry and of personnel with assault boats and pneumatic rafts was continually practiced, even at night. At the crossing point, the river had a width of approximately 100 meters; the crossing of a tank took about 10 minutes. On 6 and 7 June, engineer soldiers constructed two DLP-bridges with swinging middle section upstream and downstream of Gallin. On these two days, tanks and trucks crossed the bridges toward the south. 25X1
- On 8 June, both bridges had been removed. The exercise near Gallin had terminated and the units rested for a few days. On 15 June, new exercises started at the Elbe angle between Elster and Listerfehrda. On 17 June, a mock attack against Wartenburg, which was being defended, started from north of the Elbe River. The exercises continued. It was the impression, that this year the summer camp of the units was located in this area.

Comment. The information appears credible, since a general transfer ("geschlossene Verlegung") of the 6th Gds Tank Div from Wittenberg to the Jueterbog training grounds could not be observed. This year, Camp Werder-Mariendorf is occupied by the 7th Gds Tank Div. Another source reported an unusual occupation and training activity at Jessen in February 1955.

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